More than Conquerors!

(The Greatest Chapter: ROMANS EIGHT



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KILLING SIN

1. By embracing the truth about God's extreme goodness, love & power and at the same time acknowledging our extreme capacity to be hideously sinful, we can **begin to do battle with sin**.

Romans 8:12-13 ¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Basic points to consider...

- We ARE debtors (under obligation), but not to the flesh
- Double Debtors: God has given us everything even life, and bought us back from death through the cross.
- Ready (not quite ready) SET (committed) GO (active) 1 Cor 9:24
- 2. We must intellectually and emotionally do all we can to <u>SET</u> our minds on the things of the spirit to be able to <u>GO</u> about killing sin and persevere and finish well.

John Owen's The Mortification of Sin in Believers – "be killing sin or it will be killing you!"

3. God's goodness will not <u>lead us to repentance</u> if we do not acknowledge our badness (own it). (Rom2:3-5)

Stop paying what has already been paid...

- Don't be a debtor to your destroyer. (Rom1:25, 2Cor4:4)
- Don't mess around with his devices.(1Pt5:8, Lk22:31, 1Cor10:20-21)
- Making payments to the flesh is paying for your own destruction. (Rom2:5)
- Killing sin must be a constant effort. (Rom13:11-14, James4:5-10)

- **4.** The weapon God gives us to kill sin is <u>His word</u>. (Eph 6:17, v13b)
- **5.** Killing sin is a sin killing <u>marathon</u> and requires the dedication and resilience of a <u>marathon</u> Christian.
- **6.** The fiercest battle of fighting sin is fought <u>internally</u> where God dwells. (Psalm 119:65-72, Eph 3:16, James 1:14-15, Eph 6:10-20)

Refer to the "How to Put Sin to Death" chart

7. We are <u>unfinished</u> people. Philippians 1:6 Romans 8:14-17 ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Please use the "How to Put Sin to Death" insert for your Growing Notes! (Questions are on the back)

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What dominates my thinking more than or in competition with the things of God?

What things do I do or allow in my life that compromise or jeopardize the good things; like the health, safety and support of my marriage and family, my job, my health or my involvement at church?

How have I come to close to entering into past sins or sin that I see ahead of me? What am I thinking and feeling?

In what ways have I added to my identity in Christ or redefined my God given identity?

Who are the healthy and safe people in my life that will encourage me and point me toward Christ? How can I better or increase my relationship with them?

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